

Subject: finger ring with mounted
stater of Alexander the Great

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3601 Lowell St., N.W.,
Washington D.C.,
May 7, 1925

Mr. Howland Wood,
156th St. and Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Mr. Belote of the Smithsonian Institution here, advised me to write to you regarding a finger ring I am desirous of selling. Two years ago I bought the ring in Paris from an antique shop of excellent reputation but do not know just where to locate a market for it or what its real value is.

The ring consists of a mounted coin. This coin is of the period of Alexander or about 325 B.C.. On one side is the head of Alexander and on the other is the figure of a woman, some goddess I believe. That will serve to give you a vague idea about it at least.

I would like to send it to you but want to be sure that you will be in New York at this time and that it would not be asking too much to get your opinion about it as to its value and possible market.

Hoping that I might hear from you in the near future I beg to remain

Very truly yours

Carls D. Ren

May 9th, 1925.

Mr. C. D. Rea
3601 Lowell Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Relying to your communication of May 7th, I suppose you realize that we are interested in coins only. I imagine that the piece you mention is a gold stater of Alexander the Great, or his period. If it is, you might send it here about the middle of June as the one who would perhaps be interested is at present in Europe. We are in no position otherwise to market it for you. If you desire to sell the ring, I would suggest your taking it to some jewellery or antique shop in Washington.

Very truly yours,

Curator